

SCOUT

WARS

A NEW KERNEL

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CHARACTERS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Darth Vader

Grand Moff Tarkin

Luke Skywalker

Popcorn Kernel

Princess Leia

Chewbacca

Han Solo

Scout 1

Scout 2

Yoda

Opening credits play on the projector screen. They read.

Very recently in a galaxy pretty close to here....

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It is a period of deep struggle - for almost 4 centuries a fierce battle has raged on between the Rebel Alliance and the Galactic Empire.

The Jedi Scouts of the Planet Unit # were people of peace, promoting their moto "Do Your Best". They seek to support their planet with the popcorn fundraising campaign they put together each fall. Without this campaign, the cost of scouting would be too high!

The Empire is a negative thinking group and wished to destroy these plans and keep the people of Planet Unit # from selling popcorn. As Princess Leia races back to her people with the plans for this year's sale, her ship is attacked. Without her to lead the campaign it looks as though the dark side may win...

Music plays and a video of a spaceship flashes on projector screen.

Darth Vader and Tarkin enter.

Tarkin: Commander Vader, the popcorn sale is already underway. We have discovered no plans aboard the ship! She must have already sent them on.

Vader: This must be stopped! Send a ship to Planet Unit #. We must retrieve those plans before they are delivered to the Jedi Scouts. Do not fail me Admiral!

Vader and Tarkin exit.

On the screen an image of Tatooine is displayed. Popcorn Kernel and Luke enter talking and laughing. They take a seat close to the front of stage.

On the Screen a video of Leia comes on. She keeps looking over her shoulder and leans forward towards audience.

Leia: Help us Popcorn Kernel! You are our only hope!

Popcorn Kernel: (Stands and looks confused) Excuse me?

Leia: Popcorn Kernel, for many years I have led the Rebel Alliance in the mission of the popcorn fundraiser. Recently the Empire has launched a plan to destroy our popcorn campaign. As a result, I fear that my ship has fallen under attack and I am unable to complete my mission. I have placed most vital information into this droid. You must see it safely to the Scouts at Planet Unit #. Planet Unit # is at a most desperate hour. Please help us Popcorn Kernel, you are our only hope!

Video stops and picture of the Tatooine reappears.

Popcorn Kernel picks up a cardboard R2D2 and looks at it. Kernel flips it over. On the back is a piece of paper that says in large letters POPCORN SALE PLAN. Kernel shows audience.

Luke: So what is this rebellion about anyway?

Popcorn Kernel: For nearly forty years young Jedi Scouts have used the force (pause) of positive thinking to achieve the popcorn mission. Darth Vader now struggles against the dark side of that force.

Luke: Dark side?

Popcorn Kernel: Yes, we call it negativity! He seeks to destroy the rebellion and stop the fundraiser of Planet Unit #. We cannot allow this to happen. His negativity is very contagious, and must be put to an end!

Luke: What is this fundraiser for Kernel? Is it really that important?

Popcorn Kernel: Important? Ha! You have no idea! This mission will pay for all of the awards and activities of Planet Unit #! Without it the planet will cease to exist. There would be no hayride, overnight, or camping! Parents of Jedi's would have to pay hundreds of dollars every year! It would be a disaster if Vader succeeds!

Luke: We can't let that happen!

Popcorn Kernel: Indeed! We need to get to Planet Unit # right away! We will need a ship and a pilot.

Luke: (thinking) hmm I think I can help with that!

Luke and Popcorn Kernel exit.

A picture of Mos Eisley Cantina appears on screen. Han and Chewbacca enter. Chewie is listening to something through headphones and dancing around.

Han: Chewie, what are you listening to?

Chewie tries to put headphones on Hans head but he pushes him away. Chewie unplugs the headphones and music (Let it Go) begins to play. Chewie dances again. Han just looks at him and shakes his head. Chewie growls and changes the station. (Everything is Awesome) plays. Han begins to dance.

Han: Yeah! That's my jam!

Luke and Popcorn Kernel enter. Han notices them and looking embarrassed stops dancing.

Han: Hey kid! What are you doing here?

Luke: Han, this is my friend the Popcorn Kernel. We need to borrow your ship!

Han: My ship! Not again! Look kid, I just got her put back together from the last time you used her.

Luke: This is important! We have to get this droid to Planet 29! We are their last hope! (Nods his head as though he thinks he is very important.)

Han: (Smirking) Last hope huh? Ok kid. Let's do this!

Popcorn Kernel: (Looking at Luke) I can see that the force (pause) of positive thinking already flows through you! You will go far in this mission!

All exit. Image on screen changes to the star destroyer

Darth and Tarkin enter.

Darth: If the Jedi Scouts learn that they can earn prizes we will not be able to stop them.

Tarkin: They get prizes? I didn't realize! What can they get?

Darth: One of my spies uncovered that they will earn a enter prize if they reach the planet goal of \$unit goal.

Tarkin: Why, that is just \$scout goal per Jedi!

Darth: Yes and that is not all. If they sell \$600 they will receive a enter prize like this one. (holds up the prize)

Tarkin: Wow that is cool! Uh, I mean...they must be stopped!

Darth: Sellers of \$1000 will earn enter prize and sellers of \$1500 or more will earn enter prize! Plus they can get other prizes, patches, and awards! We must recover those plans!

Darth and Tarkin exit.

A sign shows on screen saying "Welcome to Planet 29. Do Your Best." Luke, Han, Chewie, and Popcorn Kernel enter. They look at the sign.

Han: Well we made it kid. Now what?

Popcorn Kernel: There is a disturbance in the force...Vader is near. We must gather the Jedi Scouts quickly and share the plan with them.

Luke: (points at the audience) You mean these Jedi Scouts?

Popcorn Kernel: Oh yes! Wow that was easy.

Leia enters.

Leia: Popcorn Kernel, I am so glad you have arrived. Wow you got everyone assembled so quickly! Have you brought the plan with you?

Popcorn Kernel: I am surprised to see you! I am very glad that you have made it here safely. I have the plan right here. (Hands droid to Leia)

Leia: I was able to escape, but Vader is not far behind me. We must work quickly. (moves hands as if projecting something onto the wall. A picture of scouts doing a show and sell appears on the screen.) As you know, the Rebel Alliance believes that the fastest and easiest way to achieve our mission is to do a store front show and sell. Jedi's can sign up for them each week at the registration table. It is a known fact that those who participate in these will sell more and will learn to use the force (pause) of positive thinking very quickly.

Han: Look sweetheart, these kids aren't going to do anything unless they get credit for it.

Leia: Oh course they get credit for it...and don't call me sweetheart! At most show and sells two boys and their parents will work the stand. They have the popcorn right there so they don't have to deliver anything later, and they split the credit for the sales for the time they are there. It is really simple! We will start this enter date and do them every weekend until the campaign ends on enter date.

Luke: That sounds easy enough. What's the next step in the plan?

Leia: (Moves her hands again and an image of Scouts pulling a wagon appears on the screen.) The next step is to take home a "To Go" Pack.

Han: A what?

Leia: (rolling her eyes) Each week a limited amount of kits containing an assortment of popcorn averaging up to about \$200 will be available for the Jedi's to take home. They can use this to sell around the neighborhood. People like it because they get the popcorn right then and there much like with the show and sells.

Popcorn Kernel: Hurry Vader is getting close! I can feel his negativity approaching!

Leia: (Moves hands towards screen. Image of a scout at someone's door appears) the order form is the easiest to understand and use. Jedi's will take that with them everywhere they go and sell to their neighbors, doctors, teachers, and family. They fill out the form and collect money. Each week that they bring it in with new sales they will get a prize.

Han: Anything else they can do Highness?

Leia: Actually yes. (moves hands again and image of scout sitting at a computer appears on screen) They can also sell online. They can set up an account at TrailsEnd.com and invite all of their out of town friends and family to buy online. It is the only way that people can pay with a credit card and have it ship directly to them.

Welcome sign image reappears. Darth Vader and Tarkin enter. Luke pulls out a light saber and everyone else backs away. Darth pulls out one as well.

Darth: The force is strong with you Skywalker. I can feel your positive thinking. Too bad you are not strong enough to defeat me. Instead come and join me on the dark side and stop this foolishness! We can rule the empire together!

Luke: NEVER! (Luke and Vader have a saber fight. Vader knocks Luke down.)

Darth: (Vader points his saber at Luke) Luke, I am your Akela!

Luke: NOOOOOO! (Luke jumps up and fights Vader again. After a min Vader closes his saber and backs up.)

Vader: You could have come to the dark side. Too bad your plan will never succeed.

Vader and Tarkin exit.

Luke: What did he mean he was my Akela? It can't be?

Popcorn Kernel: Yes, it is true. Once long ago, Vader was a very positive thinker and a powerful Jedi Scout. He allowed the dark side to take over his mind and all that is left is a cloud of negative thinking. You must not let it affect you Luke. You must push away that cloud and focus on doing your best!

Han: The Kernel here is right. We need to get this plan under way!

All leave.

A picture of houses appears on the screen. Two Jedi Scouts enter carrying an Order Form. Scout 1 is neatly dressed but Scout 2 has shirt half untucked and hat on crooked. From the other side of the room Darth enters carrying a cardboard door in front of him so audience can't see him. Scouts approach the door and knock. Darth sticks his head around the side.

Darth: What do you want?

Scout 1: Hi Mister, wanna buy some...?

Darth: NOPE! (ducks behind the door again.)

Scouts 2: I don't think we did that right. He didn't even let you finish!

Scout 1: I know. (Shakes head) What could I have done differently?

Scout 2: Let me try...(knocks on the door. Darth sticks head out.)

Darth: Yes?

Scout 2: Hello Sir, We are Jedi Scouts trying to raise money for our Planet, Planet unit #, so that we can do fun stuff like camping trips and Pinewood Derby. Would you like to help support us?

Darth: (looks at the scout and shakes his head) you're a Jedi Scout? Ha! Could have fooled me! (ducks behind door again)

Scout 2: What is that supposed to mean?

Scout 1: Well you are kind of sloppy looking right now. Tuck in your shirt and fix your hat the way we have been trained. Let's try a different house.

Scout 2: Ok how about that one?

Scout 1 knocks on the door. Darth steps out wearing an apron but he is still holding the door.

Scout 1: What? How did you...? (Scratches his head)

Darth: May I help you boys?

Scout 2: Uh yes! My name is Tim and this is my brother Jim. We are raising money for our planet, Planet unit #. Would you like to support us by buying some popcorn?

Darth: Oh I am sorry boys, my phone is ringing...I have to go answer it. Could you come again later? (walks behind door)

Scout 1: Phone? I didn't hear any phone!

Scout 2: Me neither...but at least we can try that one again later! Let's go to that house.

Scout 1: Man this is hard. I don't know if I want to keep trying.

Scout 2: You must use the force (pause) of positive thinking! You can do it! Come on, just one more house.

Scout 1: Ok, just one more. (Knocks on the door)

Darth steps out holding a baby doll. Scouts look at each other and shrug.

Darth: Well aren't you two so cute! What can I do for you?

Scout 1: Hello sir, would you like to support Planet unit# by purchasing some popcorn today? It is very delicious and we have several different options for you!

Darth: Oh, sorry. I don't eat popcorn!

Scout 2: Oh that's ok! You can make a donation so that a military family will get some popcorn. That way you are actually helping out 2 causes!

Darth: Well I don't keep cash in the house. Sorry.

Scout 1: You can make a check out to Planet unit #. Would you like to make a donation of \$30 or \$50 today?

Darth: I can't believe I am going to say this, but \$30. You boys sure did a great job today!

Scout 2: Thank you for your support! You are making a military family very happy!

Both Scouts exit.

Darth: I have this strange feeling right now...I feel very positive!

Yoda enters.

Yoda: OH! Dark side turned from you have. OH! Great Scout leader you shall become!

Closing credits play on the screen.